Summaries of the State and Local Ground Water Programs Reviewed

This chapter provides a brief overview of the ground water conditions and protection programs for each of the state and local areas selected by the committee for in-depth review: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida and Dade County, Kansas, Massachusetts and Cape Cod, New Jersey, New York and Long Island, and Wisconsin.

These overviews will provide a perspective on the characteristics and importance of the ground water resources for each of these areas, a description of the principal ground water quality issues within each area, and a summary description of the area's ground water management and protection programs. These summaries give the background and lay the framework for the more detailed descriptions and evaluations of various protection program components provided in Chapter 4.

This information has been taken from many sources, including the U.S. Geological Survey's (1984) National Water Summary 1984; Protecting the Nation's Groundwater from Contamination, Volumes I and II, by the U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment (1984); Overview of State Ground-Water Program Summaries, Volume 1, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Ground-Water Protection (1985b); information given to the committee by state health department representatives at committee meetings; and information obtained through individual interviews conducted by committee members in several states.